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**Cc:** Loop, Travis[Loop.Travis@epa.gov]  
**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Wed 1/21/2015 12:47:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Salt Water Injection follow up  
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Good morning Lisa,

Forwarding to you as per Travis' note:

"You mention that the EPA conducted a formal evaluation of the state program on March 31, 2014. What does that entail? Were EPA officials on site? Did they actually visit injection well locations?"

The preceding is a follow-up question. Next is a note from Rich, along with the original inquiry from reporter Andrew Brown. Thanks for looking at this when you have a minute.

"R8 UIC program developed draft answers to the 3 questions below, these were also shared with Bruce Kobelski, who I understand is working the larger policy and regulatory questions in OGDW.

Rich

303-312-6654

1. When was the memorandum of agreement between the EPA and North Dakota established, giving the state regulatory control of Class II injection wells?

June 2, 1983

2. Since 2000, how many times have EPA officials performed annual evaluations on the Division of Oil and Gas's regulatory system in North Dakota? According to this GAO report, these evaluations may not be occurring.

EPA Region 8 typically conducts at least one formal evaluation of its State and Tribal UIC programs

annually, including North Dakota's UIC Class II program. The most current evaluation of this program was conducted on March 31, 2014. Since Agency policy does not allow for retention of state oversight-related records past ten years, Region 8 cannot confirm that these formal evaluations were done each year since 2000.

3. Has North Dakota submitted 7520 reports to the EPA? Could you provide me with those records?"

Yes. A FOIA would be required to provide these documents."

**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 7:47 PM  
**To:** Daguiard, Robert  
**Subject:** Fwd: Salt Water Injection follow up

This would be for R8 to handle.

Travis Loop

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**From:** "Greene, Ashley" <[Greene.Ashley@epa.gov](mailto:Greene.Ashley@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** January 20, 2015 at 5:14:14 PM EST  
**To:** "Loop, Travis" <[Loop.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Loop.Travis@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Salt Water Injection follow up

Hi Travis,

Yes, this is something the Region should cover since they do the evaluations and site visits.

Thanks,

Ashley

**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:45 AM  
**To:** Greene, Ashley  
**Subject:** Fwd: Salt Water Injection follow up

A follow up on this one. Let me know if it is something the region should answer instead.

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**Date:** January 16, 2015 at 6:35:32 PM EST  
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA's response to your questions

One follow up question:

You mention that the EPA conducted a formal evaluation of the state program on March 31, 2014. What does that entail? Were EPA officials on site? Did they actually visit injection well locations?

On Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 9:47 AM, Daguillard, Robert  
<[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Brown, please attribute attached to US EPA.

Thanks again for reaching out.

Best, R.

Robert Daguillard

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